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Lois Wagner Memorial Library

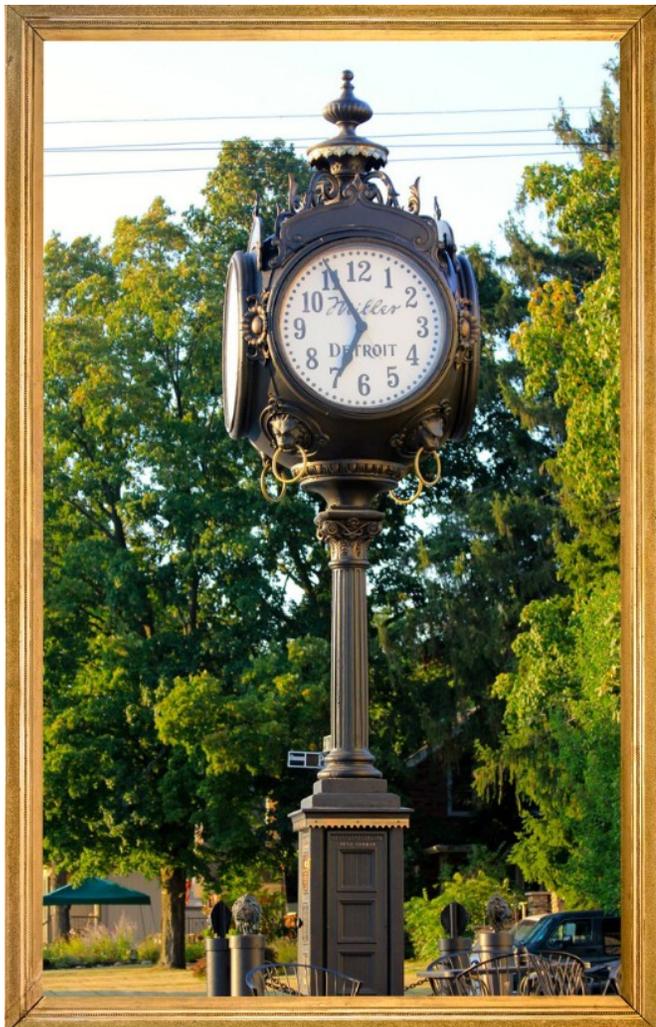
The Star Newsletter

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Richmond's Town Clock: Celebrating 100 Years!

On July 17th, 2024, Richmond's Town Clock will celebrate its 100th year of keeping time for the residents of Richmond on the corner of Park and Main Street. The clock was donated by former Richmond resident and successful Detroit merchant, Gilbert "Square Deal" Miller.

The clock was made by the Seth Thomas Clock Company from Chicago, and weighs over 2 tons. It was the largest of its kind in Michigan at the time of its installation. The clock officially started keeping time at 8:48 p.m. on July 17th, 1924.



A "TIMELY" GIFT

The following was written by Nettie Ramsey for The Review, and was published in the July 24th, 1924 edition of the paper.

Our lovely village honors him
Who passed his boyhood years
Within its pleasant, shady streets,
And shared its joys and fears,
Who now presents this costly gift
To grace our thoroughfare,
Its beauty and utility
For everyone to share.

In quiet dignity it stands
Ticking the hours away-
The tireless sentinel of time,
Faithful by night and day.
The slender hands mark silently
With slow, rhythmic grace,
The restless minutes as they fly
Across the realm of space.

And may each one a lesson glean
Of faith and love-that he
Alone may claim the great reward
Who labors faithfully-
That time waits for not any man—
Improve the hours that fly,
And we will each attain the goal
Set for us, by and by.

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Celebrating the Town Clock: The Library Connection



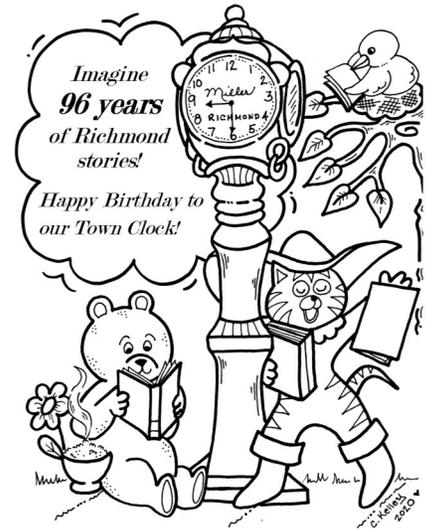
1996 Coloring Contest Picture

A long-held July tradition at the Lois Wagner Memorial Library is the celebration of the Town Clock's birthday. This was started by longtime librarian and library namesake, Lois Wagner. Lois loved the Town Clock and would treat the library staff to Dairy Queen for the clock's birthday. Her love of the clock is visible in the library today; many of the assortment of Town Clock paintings and carved replicas were gifted to Lois by those who knew of her affection for the clock.

Beginning in 1994, the library has hosted an annual Town Clock Coloring Contest as a part of the Summer Reading festivities. For all 30 years (even 2020!) the coloring picture has been drawn by Colleen Kelley, the library's longtime Library Technician who has graciously continued the tradition, even in retirement. Her signature style can be seen across the years of coloring pages, often blending a celebratory birthday theme with the year's Summer Reading theme.

The annual contest, which is in its 30th year, is open to all children from preschool to grade 7. As was Lois Wagner's tradition, each year's winners receive a Dairy Queen gift card.

2020 Town Clock Coloring Contest



2020 Coloring Contest Picture



1999 5th Grade Winner Carmen Dreim



2016 Coloring Contest Winners



2018 Coloring Contest Winners

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2024 Children's Summer Reading Program

It's not too late to participate in this year's Summer Reading Program! This year's theme is "Adventure Begins at Your Library". All reading challenge passports for those 17 & younger are due by **Friday, July 26th**. Book slips for the adult challenge are due by **August 10th**.

Entries for the Town Clock Coloring Contest are due by **Friday, July 12th**.

The Summer Reading Program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library

Children's Programming

LAPSIT: Ages 16-36 months

June 18th-July 23rd
Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

STORYTIME: Ages 3-5 years

June 20th-July 25th
(No class 7/4)
Thursdays at 10 a.m.



Now Accepting Puzzle Donations

The library will be taking puzzle donations between now and September 20th in preparation for the Friends of the Library Puzzle Sale, which will be held Saturday, Sept. 28th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Gently used puzzles will be accepted during library operating hours.



Independence Day Closure



The library will be closed **Thursday, July 4th-Saturday, July 6th** for the 4th of July holiday. Items may be returned to the library's book drop at any point during the closure.

Upcoming Adult Crafts

Vase Book Folding

Thursday, July 25th @ 3:00 p.m. OR
Monday, July 29th @ 6:00 p.m.



Alcohol Ink Bookmarks

Monday, August 12th @ 6:00 p.m.

Crafts are open to those 16+ and are free of charge. Be sure to call or visit the library to pre-register, as spots are limited! Project examples will be available for viewing at the library.

Michigan Activity Pass

Are you looking for something to do this summer? Your library card can get you discounted or free admission to a variety of venues around Michigan, such as Michigan state parks, Legoland, Belle Isle, and many more through the Michigan Activity Pass program. For more information, please visit <https://miactivitypass.org>



MICHIGAN ACTIVITY PASS

Memorials & Donations

In Honor of Julia Frantz's Retirement

Tim & Lorie Rix



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586-727-2665 586-727-3774 (fax) Email: lwml@libcoop.net
 M-W 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Th & Fri 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Th.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 Senior Exercise 10 a.m.	2 New Release Day!  Lapsit 10 a.m.	3 Senior Exercise 10 a.m.	4  Library Closed	5 	6
7	8  Senior Exercise 10 a.m.	9 New Release Day!  Lapsit 10 a.m.	10 Senior Exercise 10 a.m.	11  Storytime 10 a.m.	12 Town Clock Coloring Contest Entries Due by 5 p.m. 	13
14	15 Adult Craft 6:00 PM Pre-Registration Required Senior Exercise 10 a.m.	16 New Release Day!  Lapsit 10 a.m.	17 Happy 100th Birthday to the Town Clock!  Senior Exercise 10 a.m.	18 Storytime 10 a.m.	19	20
21	22 Adult Craft 6:00 PM Pre-Registration Required Senior Exercise 10 a.m.	23 Hooks & Needles 6-8 p.m. Lapsit 10 a.m.	24 Adult Book Club 6:30 p.m.  Senior Exercise 10 a.m.	25 Adult Craft 6:00 PM Pre-Registration Required Storytime 10 a.m.	26 Summer Reading Passports Due by 5 p.m. 	27 Recreation Department Community Garage Sale 8:30 a.m. at Beebe St. Park
28	29 Adult Craft 6:00 PM Pre-Registration Required Senior Exercise 10 a.m.	30  4 & Under End of Summer Storytime 10 a.m. By Invitation	31  Senior Exercise 10 a.m.			